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Ghost Diary

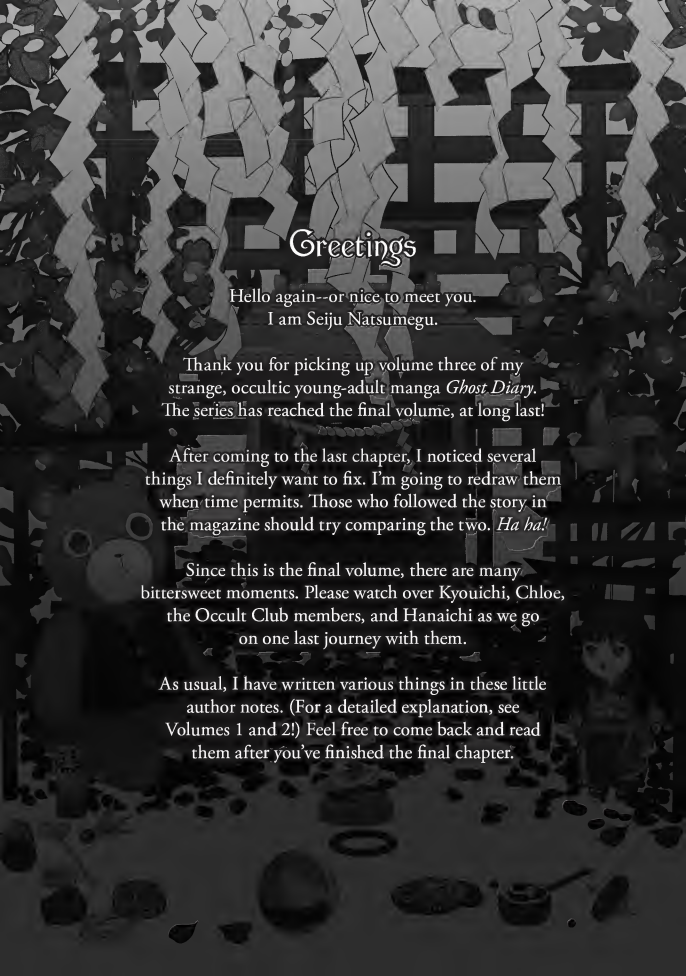
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Greetings

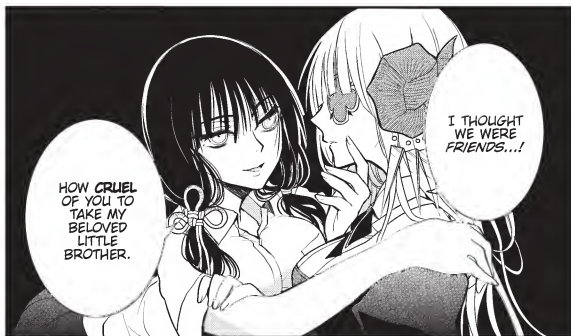
Hello again--or nice to meet you.
I am Seiju Natsumegu.

Thank you for picking up volume three of my strange, occultic young-adult manga *Ghost Diary*. The series has reached the final volume, at long last!

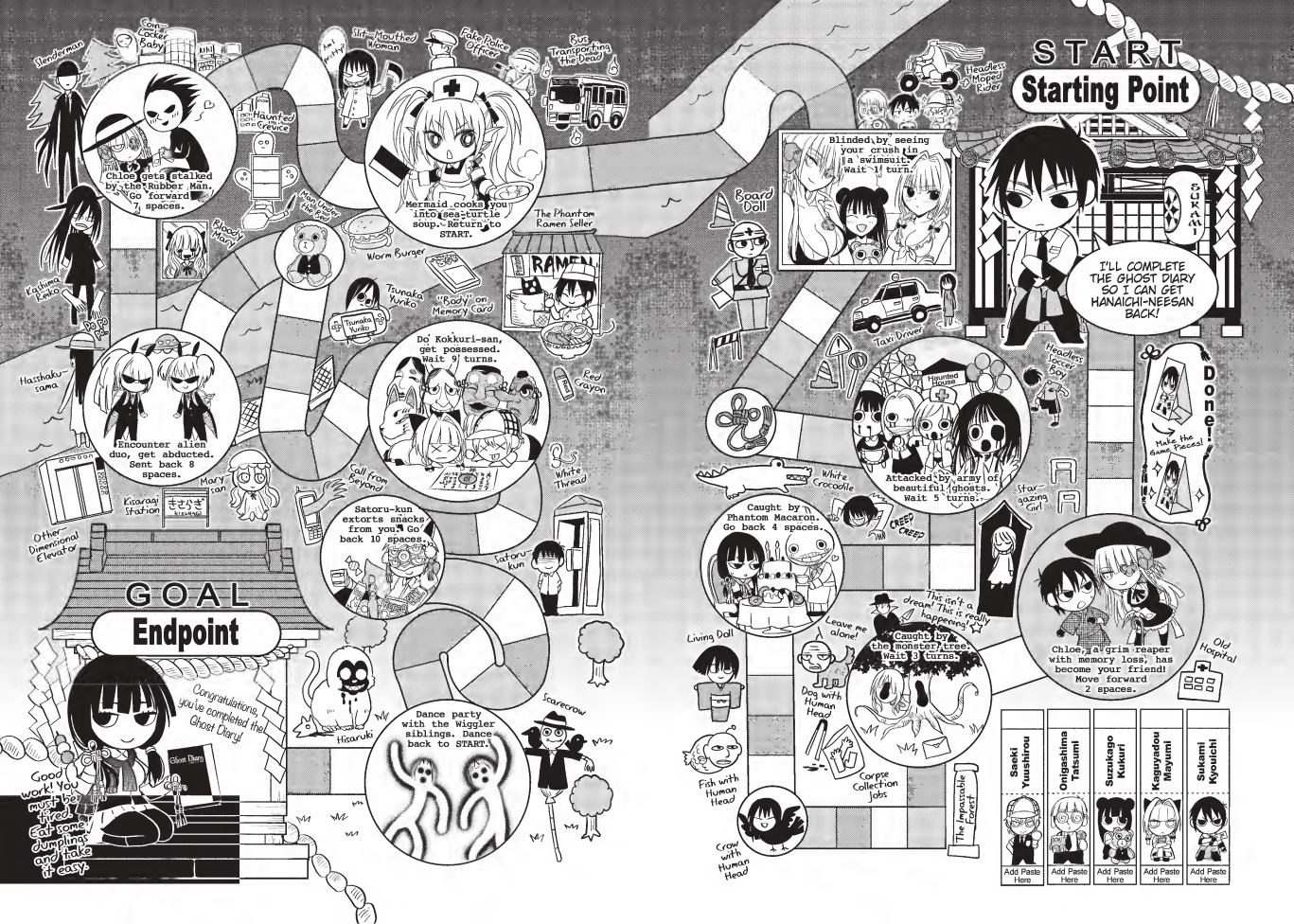
After coming to the last chapter, I noticed several things I definitely want to fix. I'm going to redraw them when time permits. Those who followed the story in the magazine should try comparing the two. *Ha ha!*

Since this is the final volume, there are many bittersweet moments. Please watch over Kyouichi, Chloe, the Occult Club members, and Hanaichi as we go on one last journey with them.

As usual, I have written various things in these little author notes. (For a detailed explanation, see Volumes 1 and 2!) Feel free to come back and read them after you've finished the final chapter.

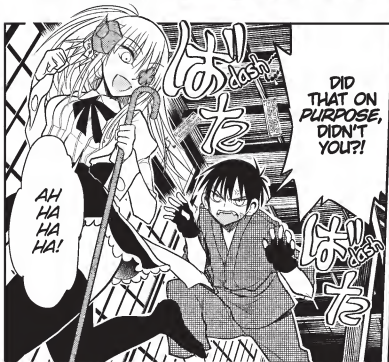
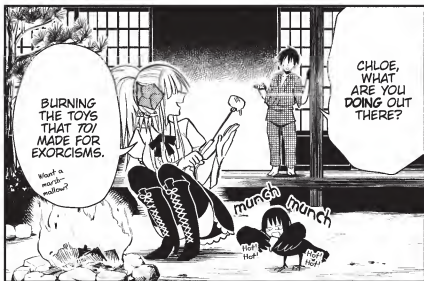


START Starting Point



GOAL Endpoint

Add Points Here	Add Points Here	Add Points Here	Add Points Here	Add Points Here



AND
TO GET
BACK
YOUR
MEMOR-
IES!

I'M
DOING
THIS TO
FIND
NEE-
SAN...

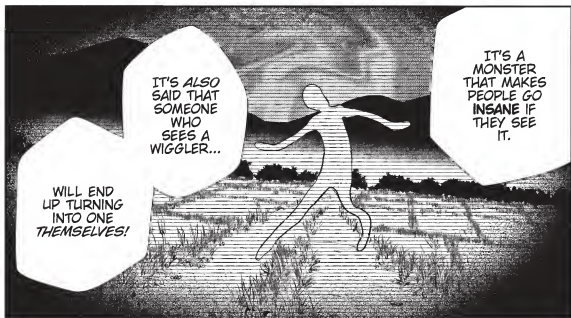
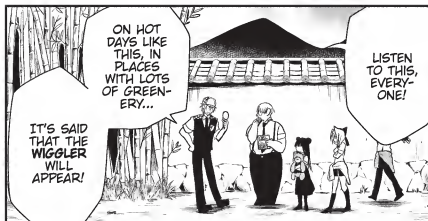
I
THOUGHT
YOU
WANTED
THAT, TOO!
SO WHY
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO STOP
ME?!

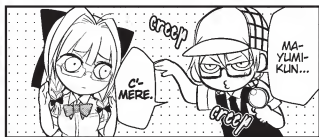
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THIS TO
FIND
NEE-
SAN...

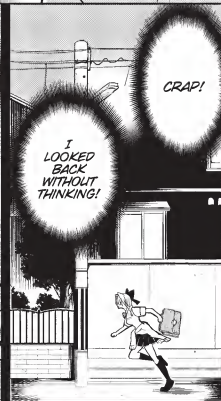
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WANTED
THAT, TOO!
SO WHY
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO STOP
ME?!

I
THOUGHT
YOU
WANTED
TO
COMPLETE
THE GHOST
DIARY
TOGETHER!

WHAT
THE HELL
IS *WITH*
YOU
TODAY?!









DON'T RUN
AWAY. I CAN
ONLY SPEAK
THROUGH
MACHINES.



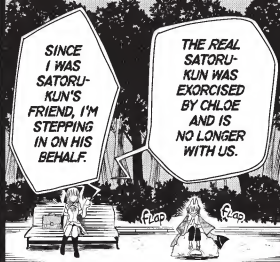
AND
I'M JUST
SATORU-
KUN'S
SUBSTITUTE.

I DON'T
HAVE THE
RIGHT TO
TAKE THEE
AWAY, SO
RELAX.

THOU ART
A FRIEND
OF THE
SUKAMI
FAMILY,
NO?

BESIDES,
THAT
DECORATION
THOU
HAST...







CALL
ME.

IF CHLOE
EVER
MAKES A
CARELESS
MISTAKE...

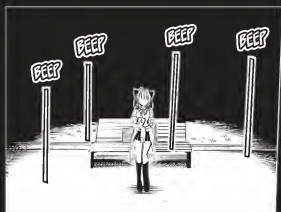
さとるくん
SATORU-KUN
Please request me by mail!!
Lost: 100 Yumma Sticks TEL: Your Phone Number



SO
LONG!

OH,
RIGHT. MY
REQUEST
FEE IS 100
YUMMA
STICKS.

GLUCK!



BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

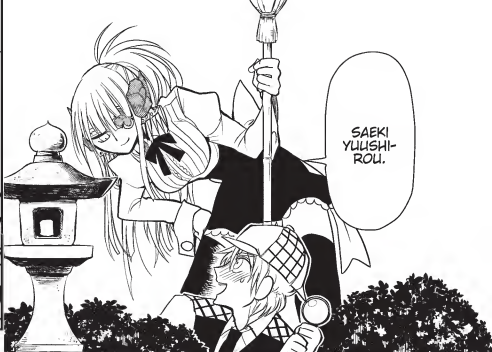
BEEP

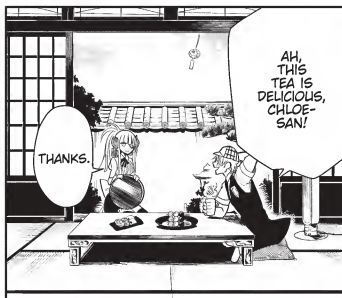


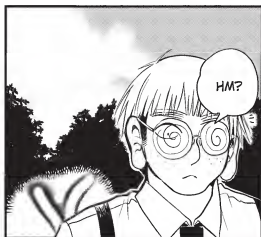
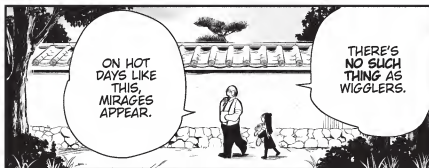
STARTING
TODAY...

THOU
ART MY
PATRON.







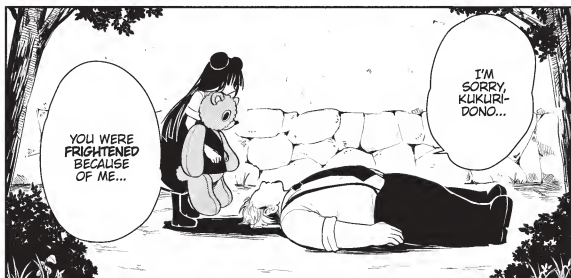
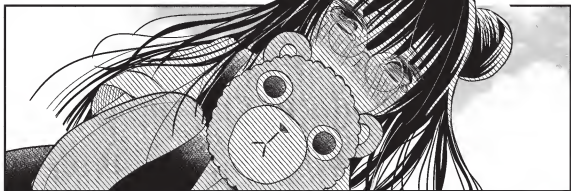
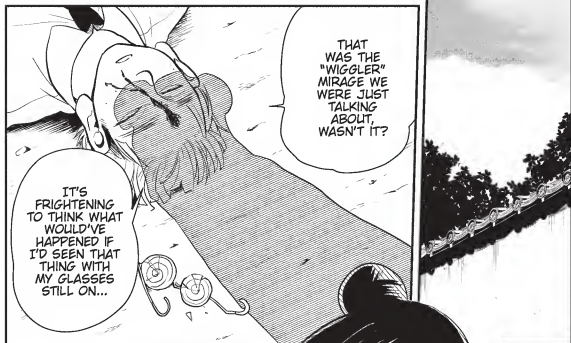


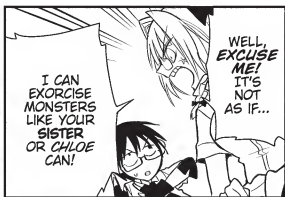


**DON'T
LOOK!!**



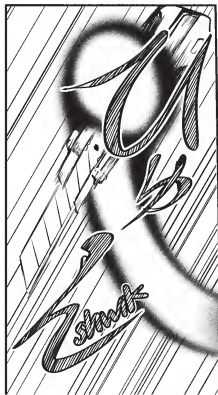




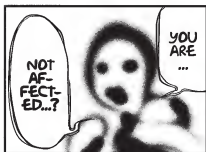


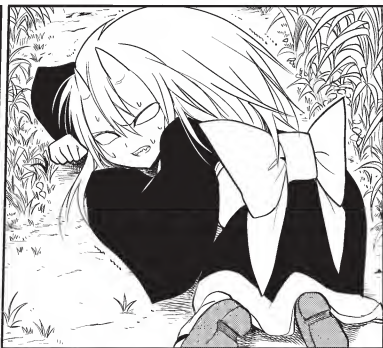
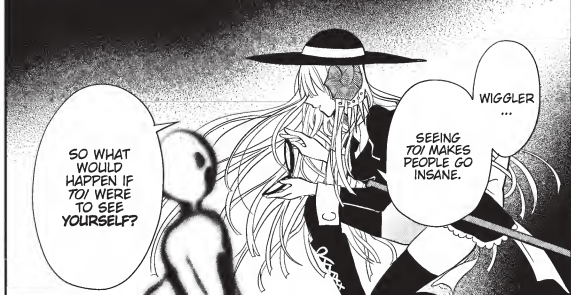


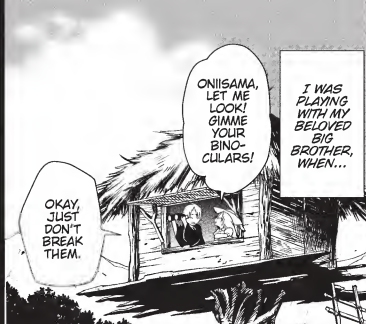












OKAY,
JUST
DON'T
BREAK
THEM.

ONIIISAMA,
LET ME
LOOK!
GIMME
YOUR
BINO-
CULARS!

I WAS
PLAYING
WITH MY
BELOVED
BIG
BROTHER,
WHEN...



I AM A
DESCENDENT
OF AN
OFFSHOOT
TRIBE OF
ONI.

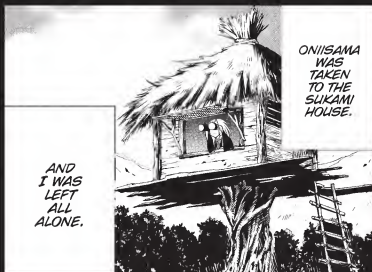


HUH?
LET ME
SEE.

THERE'S
SOME
WIGGLY
THING
OVER
THERE!



YOU
SEE IT,
RIGHT?



ONIIISAMA
WAS
TAKEN
TO THE
SUKAMI
HOUSE.

AND
I WAS
LEFT
ALL
ALONE.

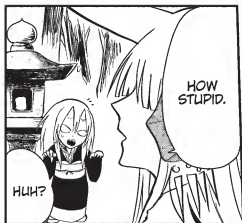


HOLD
HIM
DOWN!

DON'T
MAKE
EYE
CON-
TACT!

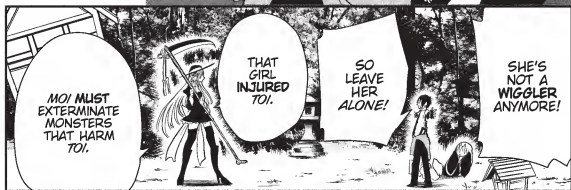
THE
NEXT DAY,
ONIIISAMA
GOT SICK.

DON'T
LOOK!





WHAT
IS
THIS?



MOI MUST
EXTERMINATE
MONSTERS
THAT HARM
TOI.

THAT
GIRL
INJURED
TOI.

SO
LEAVE
HER
ALONE!

SHE'S
NOT A
WIGGLER
ANYMORE!



PLEASE,
CHLOE.

COULDN'T
YOU
OVERLOOK
THIS?



SHE
CAME HERE
BECAUSE
OF HER
BIG
BROTHER!

MY BIG
SISTER GOT
TAKEN AWAY
TOO, SO
I KNOW
HOW SHE
FEELS.



KYUU-
ICHI!

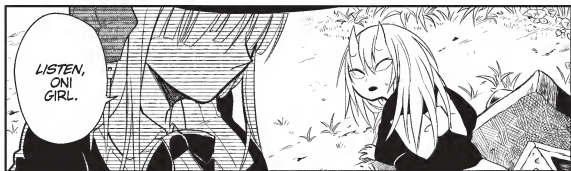


THANK
YOU...

CHLOE.



Clench



LISTEN,
ONI
GIRL.



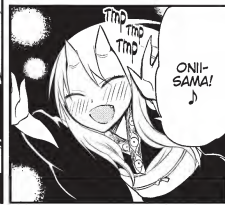
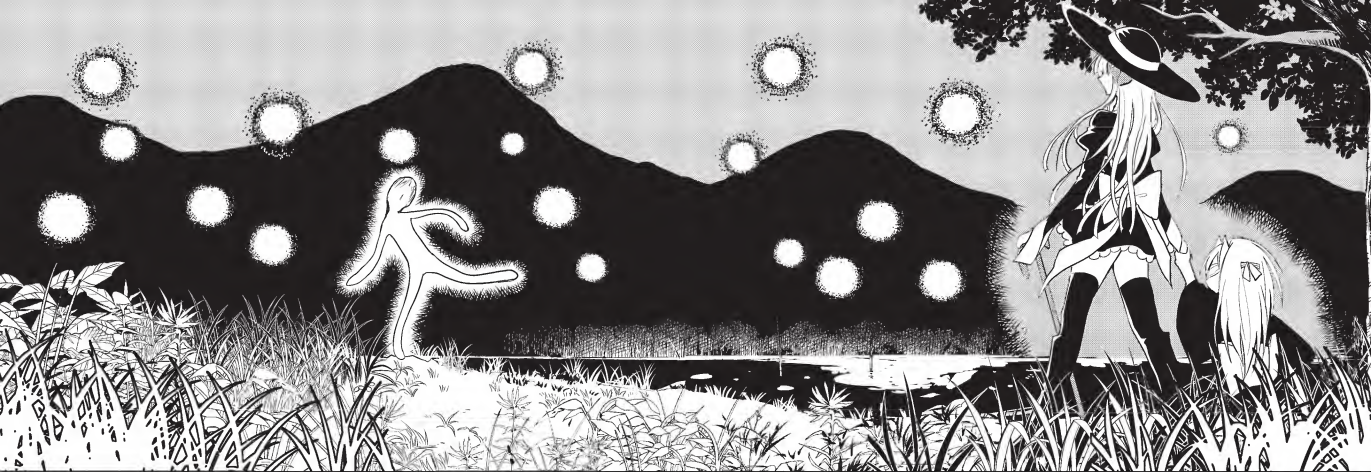
HUH?



THEN
HE MAY
BE IN
THE HILLS
BEHIND
IT.

MOI
WILL
TAKE
TOI
THERE.

IF TOI'S
BROTHER
WAS TAKEN
TO THE
SUKAMI
HOUSE...







ARE
SIBLINGS
A GOOD
THING?

SUKAMI
KYOU-
ICHI...

HUH?



IT'S
STRANGE.
WHEN I
TALK TO
YOU,
CHLOE...

IT
MAKES
ME FEEL
LIKE
NEESAN'S
STILL
AROUND.



BUT...
NOW...
WELL...

AT
FIRST, MOI
WANTED
TO GO
RECOVER
MOI'S
MEMORIES
AT ONCE.



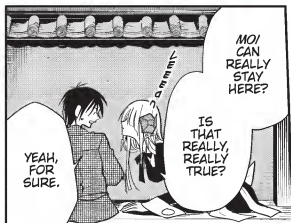
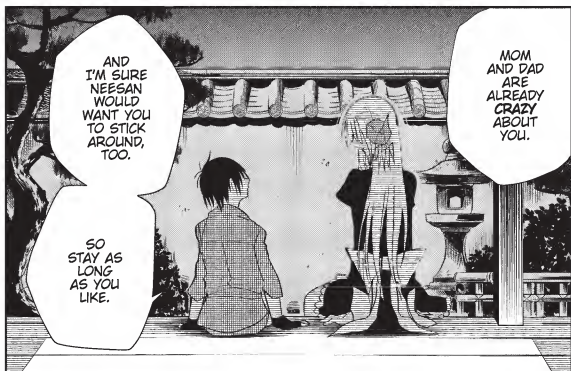
WHAT?
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT?



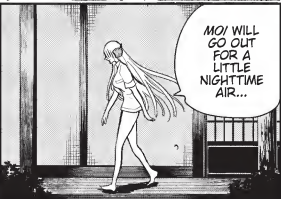
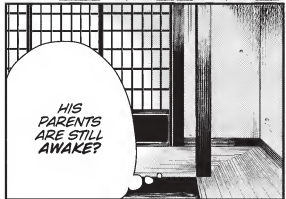
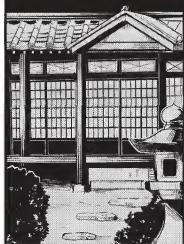
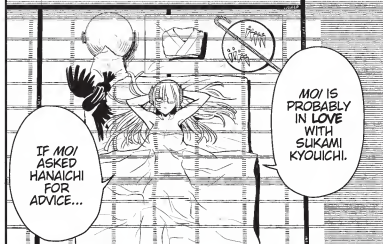
OCCASION-
ALLY, MOI
THINKS,
AFTER
COMPLETING
THE GHOST
DIARY...

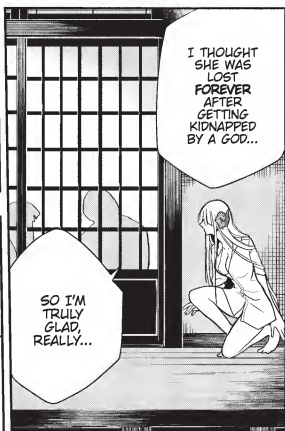
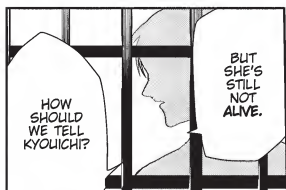
MOI
WILL HAVE
NO MORE
REASON
TO STAY
HERE.

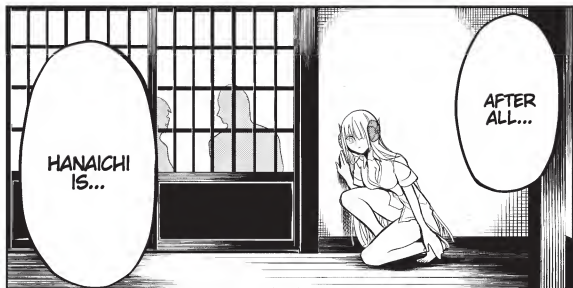
AND
GETTING
BACK MOI'S
MEMORIES
AND
HANAICHI...





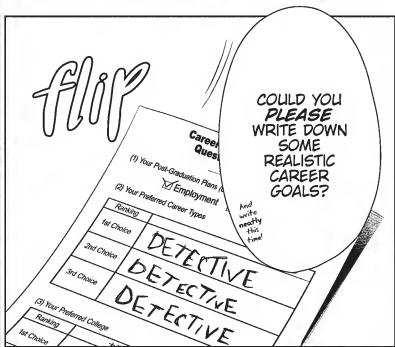








SUKAMI-
KUN'S
OLDER
SISTER.



Career Preference Questionnaire

NAME SAEKI YUUSHIKOU

GRADE 11 CLASS 8

Post-Graduation Plans (Check Either Box)

☒ Employment ☐ Further Education

(2) Your Preferred Career

Ranking	
1st Choice	SPIRIT DETECTIVE
2nd Choice	





AH, I SEE.
RIGHT, THEN
HERE IS
TODAY'S
OCCULT CLUB
ACTIVITY!

IF SHE
WANTED TO
LEAVE, SHE
COULD'VE AT
LEAST SAID
GOODBYE...



TOMORROW
WE'LL GO
WORK ON THE
GHOST DIARY,
TOGETHER.



SHE
HASN'T
BEEN
HOME FOR
A WEEK.



TODAY'S ACTIVITY
LOOK FOR
CHLOE-
SAN!!



SO WHY
DON'T WE
FIND CHLOE-
SAN AND ASK
HER WHY SHE
SO MYSTERI-
OUSLY
DISAPPEAR-
ED?

THE
OCCULT
CLUB IS
A CLUB
DEDICATED
TO SOLVING
MYSTERIES...



WE'LL
SPLIT
INTO
GROUPS
AND
SEARCH.



GREAT!
LET'S
GO,
EVERY-
BODY!

WELL,
SHE IS
ALWAYS
RESCUING
ME...

I'LL GIVE
CHLOE-
CHAN THE
AEROSMITH
MERCH SHE
WANTED,
YESSIEEE!

I'D LIKE
TO EAT
CHLOE-
DONO'S
HOME
COOKING
AGAIN!

CHATTER

CHATTER



PLUS,
I'M SURE
CHLOE-SAN
WANTS ME
TO FIND
HER, TOO.
I JUST
KNOW
IT!



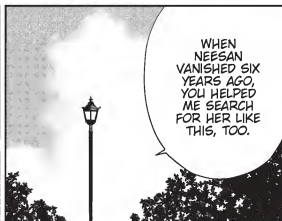
DON'T
MENTION IT.
WE'RE
FRIENDS AND
CLUB MATES,
AFTER ALL.
IT'S THE
LEAST I
COULD DO!

THANK
YOU,
YUJI-
SHIROU.



I DON'T
THINK
I'D STILL
BE HERE
NOW.

IF I
DIDN'T
HAVE
YOU AND
THE
OTHERS...



WHEN
NEESAN
VANISHED SIX
YEARS AGO,
YOU HELPED
ME SEARCH
FOR HER LIKE
THIS, TOO.

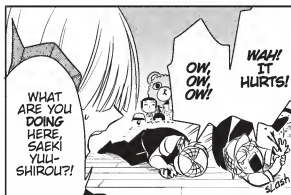


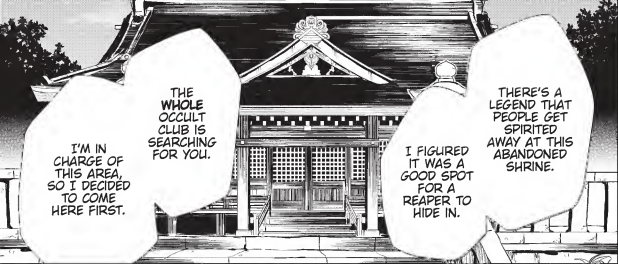
SHALL
WE GO
FIND
HANAICHI
AND
CHLOE-
SAN?!

bump



SAME
FOR ME.
IF YOU
WEREN'T
AROUND,
SUKAMI-KUN,
I WOULDN'T
BE HERE
NOW,
EITHER.





I'M IN
CHARGE OF
THIS AREA,
SO I DECIDED
TO COME
HERE FIRST.

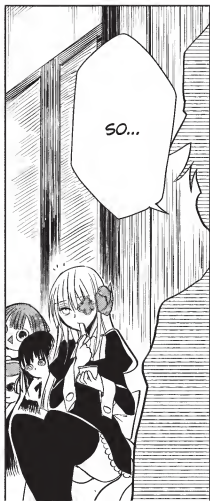
THE
WHOLE
OCCULT
CLUB IS
SEARCHING
FOR YOU.

I FIGURED
IT WAS A
GOOD SPOT
FOR A
REAPER TO
HIDE IN.

THERE'S A
LEGEND THAT
PEOPLE GET
SPIRITED
AWAY AT THIS
ABANDONED
SHRINE.



GOOD
THING I
DID. YOU'VE
BEEN
MISSING
FOR A
WHOLE
WEEK...



SO...



NOW,
COULD YOU
TELL ME WHY
YOU LEFT
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

toss

toss

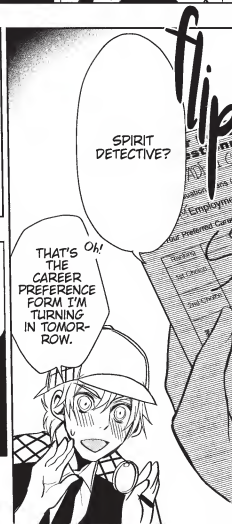


I, SAEKI
YUUSHIROU,
AM HERE
TO AID YOU,
BODY AND
SOUL!

WHAT-
EVER
THE
TROUBLE
...









TOI HAD
A LOST,
PENSIVE
EXPRES-
SION.

IT WAS A HOT
DAY LIKE
TODAY.

HA HA!
THAT
REMINDS
MOI... MOI
WAS THE
ONE WHO
SUGGESTED
THAT TOI BE
A SPIRIT
DETECTIVE.



WAS
JUST A
LEGEND,
HUIH?

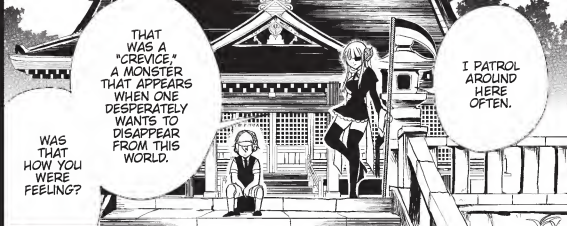
SO
THE
LEG-
END...



O GOD
WHO
SPIRITS
AWAY
LOST
SOULS!

PLEASE
TAKE ME
SOMEWHERE
FAR AWAY
FROM THIS
WORLD!





WAS
THAT
HOW YOU
WERE
FEELING?

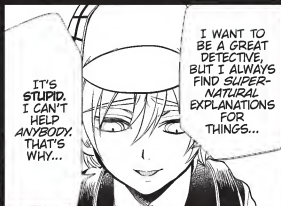
THAT
WAS A
"CREVICE."
A MONSTER
THAT APPEARS
WHEN ONE
DESPERATELY
WANTS TO
DISAPPEAR
FROM THIS
WORLD.

I PATROL
AROUND
HERE
OFTEN.



HUH?

YOU
COULD
BE A
SPIRIT
DETECTIVE.



IT'S
STUPID.
I CAN'T
HELP
ANYBODY.
THAT'S
WHY...

I WANT TO
BE A GREAT
DETECTIVE,
BUT I ALWAYS
FIND SUPER-
NATURAL
EXPLANATIONS
FOR
THINGS...



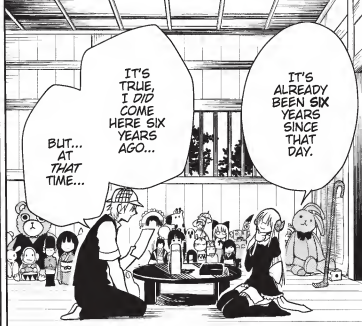
BE A
"SPIRIT
DETECTIVE."

BE A
DETECTIVE
WHO USES
OCCULT
KNOWLEDGE
AND HELP
PEOPLE
THAT WAY.



THERE
WAS A
HORROR
GAME
RELEASED
WHERE YOU
CAN SOLVE
CASES USING
OCCULT
WISDOM.

THERE
ARE
EXORCISTS,
SO WHY
NOT
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
TOO?





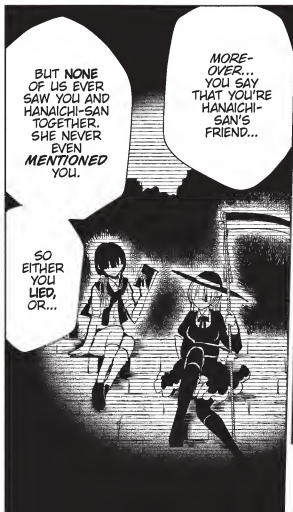
SPLIT-
MOUTHED
WOMAN,
KASHIMA-
SAN...

MANY
OF THE
MONSTERS
THAT
BECOME
URBAN
LEGENDS
ARE FORMER
HUMANS.

SHIKAMI-
KUN TOLD
ME THAT
HE WAS
ORIGINALLY
A HUMAN.



DO YOU
REMEMBER
PHANTOM
MACARON?



BUT NONE
OF US EVER
SAW YOU AND
HANAICHI-SAN
TOGETHER.
SHE NEVER
EVEN
MENTIONED
YOU.

MORE-
OVER...
YOU SAY
THAT YOU'RE
HANAICHI-
SAN'S
FRIEND...

SO
EITHER
YOU
LIED,
OR...



**Vengeful
Ghost**

Taira no
Masakado's
Gravestone

Taira no
Masakado
Latter
Amidabutsu

Namu
Amidabutsu

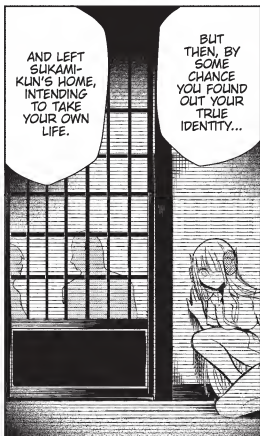
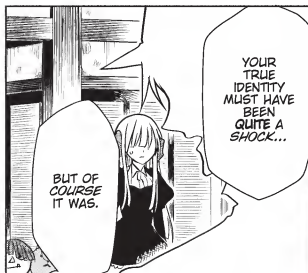
Tokyo: Era
year 2
(1301 CE)

MOREOVER,
IT'S SAID THAT
HUMANS WITH
STRONG
SPIRITUAL
POWER AND
A GRUDGE
WILL BECOME
GODS.

**Living
God**

Yorishiro

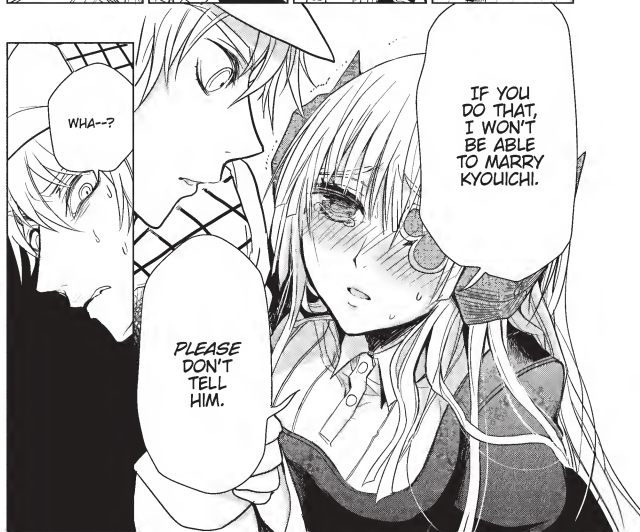
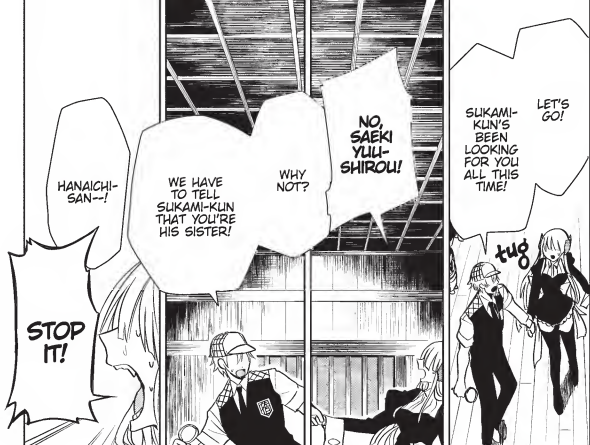
WITH THAT
IN MIND,
PERHAPS
YOU WERE
ALSO ONCE
HUMAN.





YOU'RE
THE ONE
WE'VE
SEARCHED
FOR, ALL
THIS
TIME...

SUKAMI
HANAICHI-
SAN.





ANYTHING
BUT
KYOUICHI'S
SISTER!

I
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO BE...



THE
SAME
WAY YOU
WANTED
TO BE A
DETECTIVE...

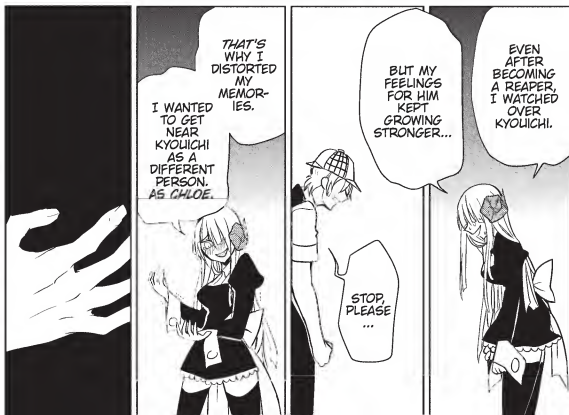
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!
YOU KNOW
YOU'RE
BROTHER
AND SISTER,
RIGHT?!



BUT
I DIDN'T
DIS-
APPEAR!

I DIDN'T
MIND. I
THOUGHT, IF
I CAN'T MARRY
KYOUICHI,
THEN I MIGHT
AS WELL
DISAPPEAR.

SIX
YEARS AGO,
I GOT TAKEN
AWAY IN MY
LITTLE
BROTHER'S
PLACE.



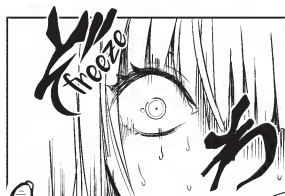
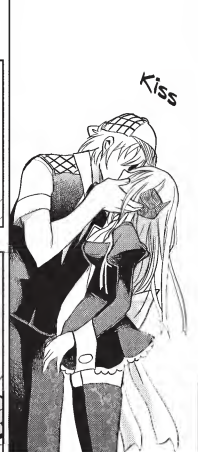
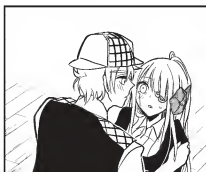
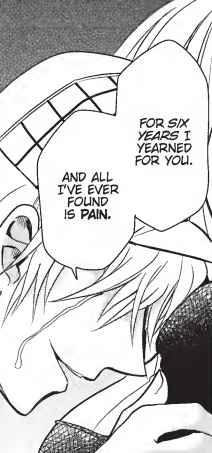
THAT'S
WHY I
DISTORTED
MY MEMOR-
IES.

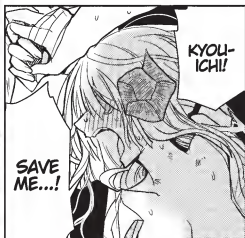
I WANTED
TO GET
NEAR
KYOUICHI
AS A DIFFERENT
PERSON.
AS CHLOE.

BUT MY
FEELINGS
FOR HIM
KEPT
GROWING
STRONGER...

EVEN
AFTER
BECOMING
A REAPER,
I WATCHED
OVER
KYOUICHI.

STOP,
PLEASE
...









AAAAAAAAHHH!

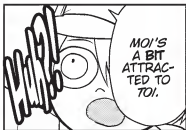
Joy

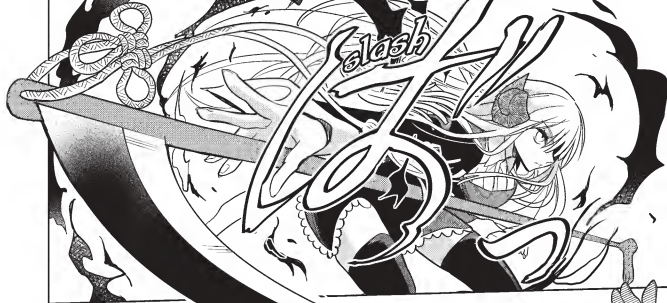


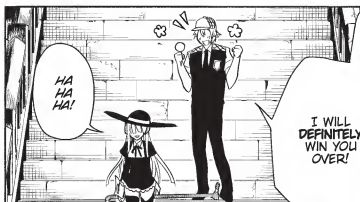


















Ghost Diary

カイトンにつき

K a i d a n n i k i



I wanted the Occult Club to be colorful, so I made their designs pretty strange--but I still think they're both cute. I like these two a lot!

After making Kukuri-chan, I chuckled and thought, "The boys are *sure* to like her"--so I was happy when people told me they thought she was cute.

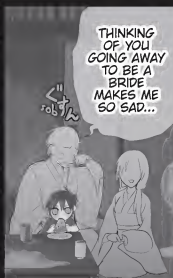
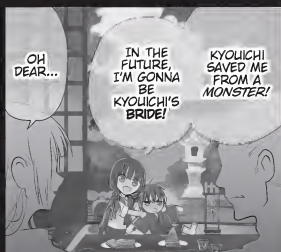
Since this is an occultic column, I thought I'd bring in an occult topic. I hear that dolls or plush-toys that get played with for a long time will eventually house a human soul. Famous ghost stories with dolls would include Inagawa Junji-san's "Living Doll" and "Cursed Doll Annabelle," right? Being famous stories, they're deeply interesting, so please look into them.

Since Tatsumi is a gangster's son, here's a story from that world. It's said that people in organized crime or police work don't eat mantis shrimp sushi. The story goes that it's because crustaceans eat drowned corpses that have sunk into the sea. That's not necessarily true, so please eat them without worrying about that. I always pass on eating them, though (ha ha!).

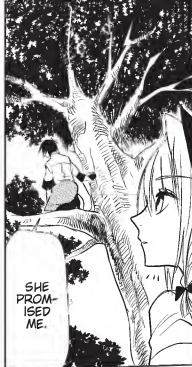
Since many gangster or police insider stories have become urban legends, people interested in that kind of thing may find it worthwhile to check out.

The Mascot-Type Occult Club Members
Suzukago
Kukuri and Onigashima
Tatsumi

Today's Theme: Suzukago Kukuri and Onigashima Tatsumi









**Constitution Article 734
(Forbids Marriage Between Close Relatives)**

YOUR
FEELINGS
FOR YOUR
SISTER
GO WAY
BEYOND
THAT!

SHE WAS
NOTHING BUT
A NYMPHO
WHO WOULD
EVEN HIT ON
HER LITTLE
BROTHER!!

OB-
JEC-
TION!

I ONLY
LOVE
NEESAN
IN THE
SENSE
THAT I
LOOK UP
TO HER!

IT'S
NOT A
SEXUAL
THING!

World's Most Trivial Courtroom

turn

Ah!

BECAUSE
YOU'RE....!

MAYUMI,
WHY DO
YOU HATE
NEESAN
SO
MUCH?

HEY!

BA-
DUM

MA-
YUMI!!

YOU'RE
SAYING
IT'S MY
FAULT?

WHAT
?!

bonk

W-
WAIT, I
REMEM-
BER!

CRAP!
I ALMOST
TOLD HIM
HOW I
FEEL...

NO,
IT'S
NOTHING.



AH, LIKE
MARY-SAN
AND
KOKKURI-
SAN.

I'LL
USE
THIS TO
LOOK
FOR
CHLOE.

HE'S A
SPIRIT
WHO WILL
ANSWER
QUESTIONS
IF YOU CALL
HIM ON THE
PHONE.

SATORU-
KUN?



PLEASE
COME
HERE...

SATORU-
KUN...

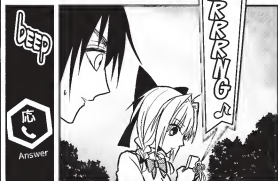
SATORU-
KUN...



THIS
IS
SATORU-
KUN.



shudder

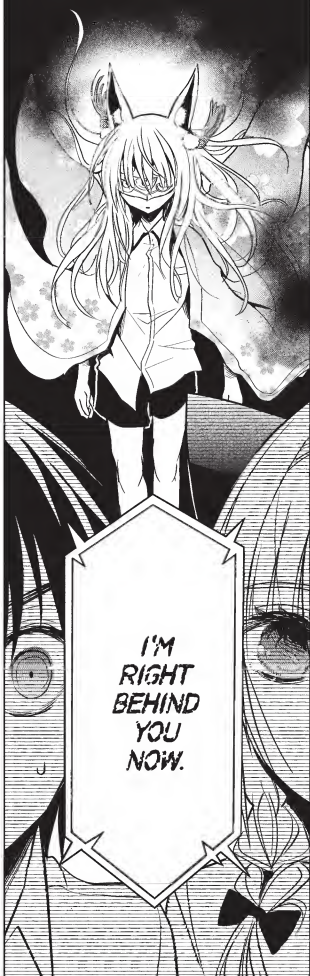
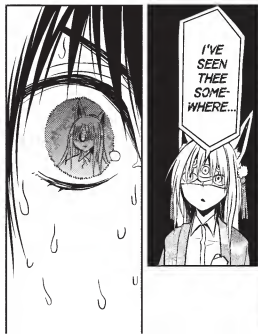
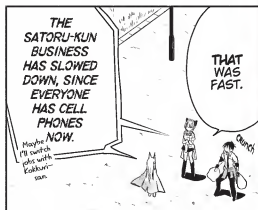


beep



Answer

BRRRR





MAYUMI,
THIS
ISN'T
SATORU-
KUN!

IT'S
THE
NAME-
LESS
GOD!

HUH?



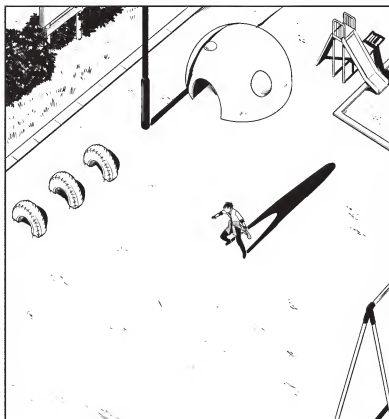
THE
FOOLISH BOY
WHO TOOK
MY HEAD OFF
SIX YEARS
AGO.

I SEE,
THOU
ART...



THE
MONSTER
WHO TOOK
NEESAN
AWAY SIX
YEARS
AGO!

IT'S
HIM!





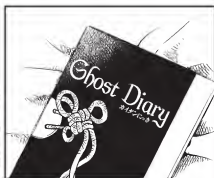
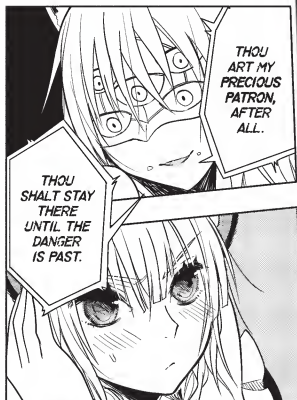
IT CANNOT
BE BROKEN
UNLESS IT'S
ATTACKED BY
SOMETHING
STRONGER
THAN I.

THIS
PLACE IS
INSIDE A
BARRIER I
CREATED.



ALSO,
CHLOE'S
MEMORIES
HAVE
RETURN-
ED.





IS HIS
OLDER
SISTER.

THE
REAPER
NAMED
CHLOE...

I'LL
TELL
THEE
ALLLLL
ABOUT
HER.

WELL,
SINCE
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
TO DO IN
HERE...

HUH
...?

YOUNG LADY,
PLEASE
BUY YOUR
SNACKS
BEFORE
THE SHOW
STARTS!

syrup rice
crackers,
fifty yen
each!

JUST
GET
STARTED
ALREADY.

KIDS
TODAY
ARE NO
FUN...

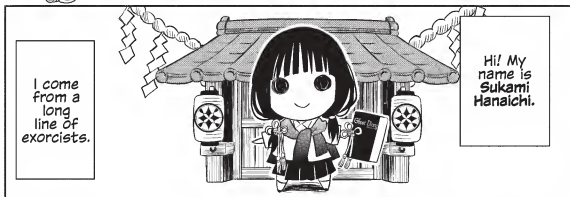
THE TALE OF SUKAMI HANAICHI



Creator: Nameless God

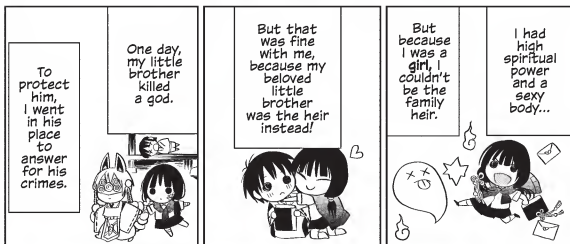
STEP
RIGHT UP
AND TAKE
A SEAT!
THE SHOW
IS ABOUT
TO BEGIN!

THE TALE OF SUKAMI HANAICHI



I come from a long line of exorcists.

Hi! My name is Sukami Hanaichi.



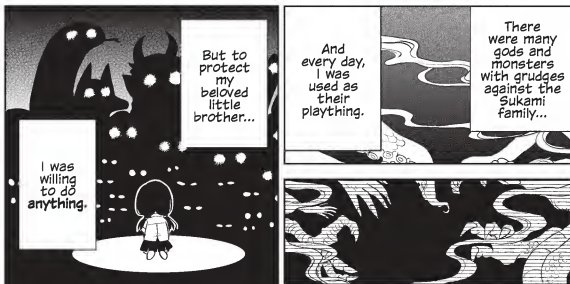
To protect him, I went in his place to answer for his crimes.

One day, my little brother killed a god.

But that was fine with me, because my beloved little brother was the heir instead!

But because I was a girl, I couldn't be the family heir.

I had high spiritual power and a sexy body...

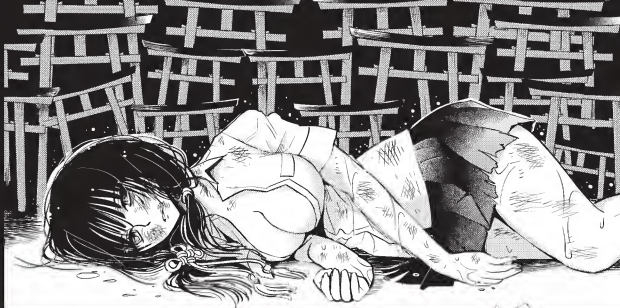


I was willing to do anything.

But to protect my beloved little brother...

And every day, I was used as their plaything.

There were many gods and monsters with grudges against the Sukami family...



One day...

At first I, too, hated her. But eventually...

She was abused by the gods every day.

click click

NO!

SHAKE SHAKE
2000!!



I came to pity her, bearing so much for her little brother's sake.



An
imagi-
nary
friend
...?

I guess
even a
strong
girl like
her can
only take
so much
before
she
breaks.



THIS IS
MY GOOD
FRIEND,
CHLOE
KOWLOON
THE
REAPER.

NICE
TO
MEET
YOU.

"It
will
hurt a
little."

"However,
I'll take
thy left
eye as com-
pen-
sation.



AMA-
ZING!

I CAN
BECOME
CHLOE?

I decided to
create a
new identity
for her in
order to
protect her
from the
other gods.



Flind





I will
become
one with
Kyouichi!



Nameless
God,
I have
decided
to leave
this
place.

I'm
going to
complete
the Ghost
Diary with
Kyouichi!



I am now
"Hanaichi's
good
friend,
the
reaper
Chloe."

I met
aliens who
manipulate
memories,
and had
them
distort
my own.

This
was how
Sukami
Hanaichi...

became
Chloe
the
reaper.



Oh...

Thanks
for
every-
thing...

Now
I can
finally be
something
other
than
Kyouichi's
sister...

RESET

I've
never
seen
you
smile
before!



IT'S
JUST
ALL
TOO
CRUEL!



plip
plip

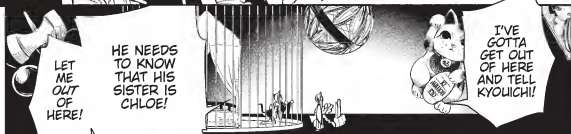
HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER.

AND
THEY
ALL
LIVED...



IT'S
JUST...

THOU
ART
CRYING?



LET
ME
OUT
OF
HERE!

HE NEEDS
TO KNOW
THAT HIS
SISTER IS
CHLOE!



I'VE
GOTTA
GET OUT
OF HERE
AND TELL
KYOUICHI!

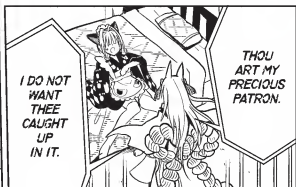


I HAVE
NO PLANS
TO LET
THEE
OUT.



THAT WOMAN
WILL LOSE
HER PRE-
CIOUS LITTLE
BROTHER
BEFORE LONG!

DID I NOT
TELL THEE
IT'S DANGER-
OUS TO GO
OUTSIDE?!



I DO NOT
WANT
THEE
CAUGHT
UP
IN IT.

THOU
ART MY
PRECIOUS
PATRON.





CHLOE...



HUH?

MOI
KILLED
SAEKI
YUU-
SHIROU.

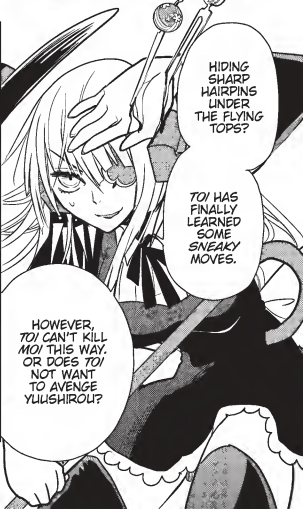
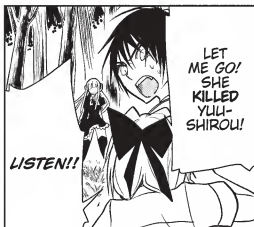
JUST
NOW...



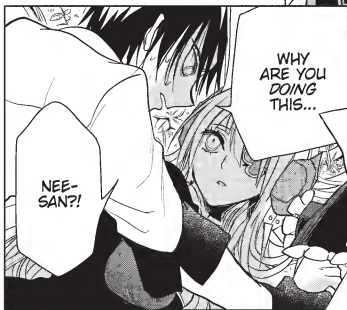
BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
AS
PATHETIC
AS A CRUSH
FROM SOME
WORTHLESS
CREEP.

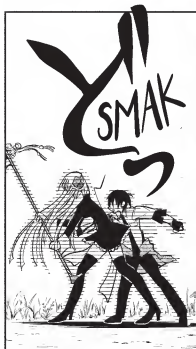
HE
RATHER
FANCED
MOI...

SO
MOI
ATE UP
HIS
SOUL!
♪



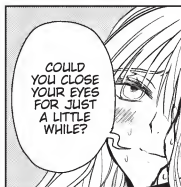


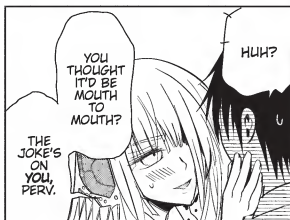
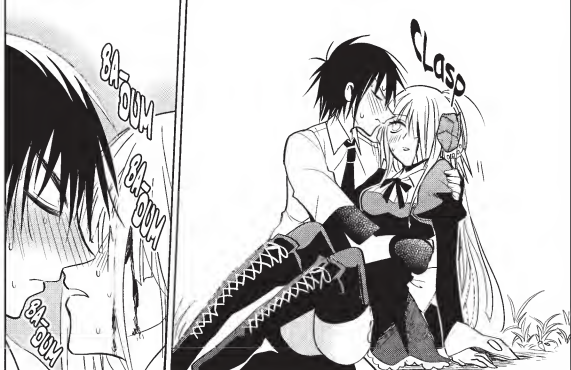


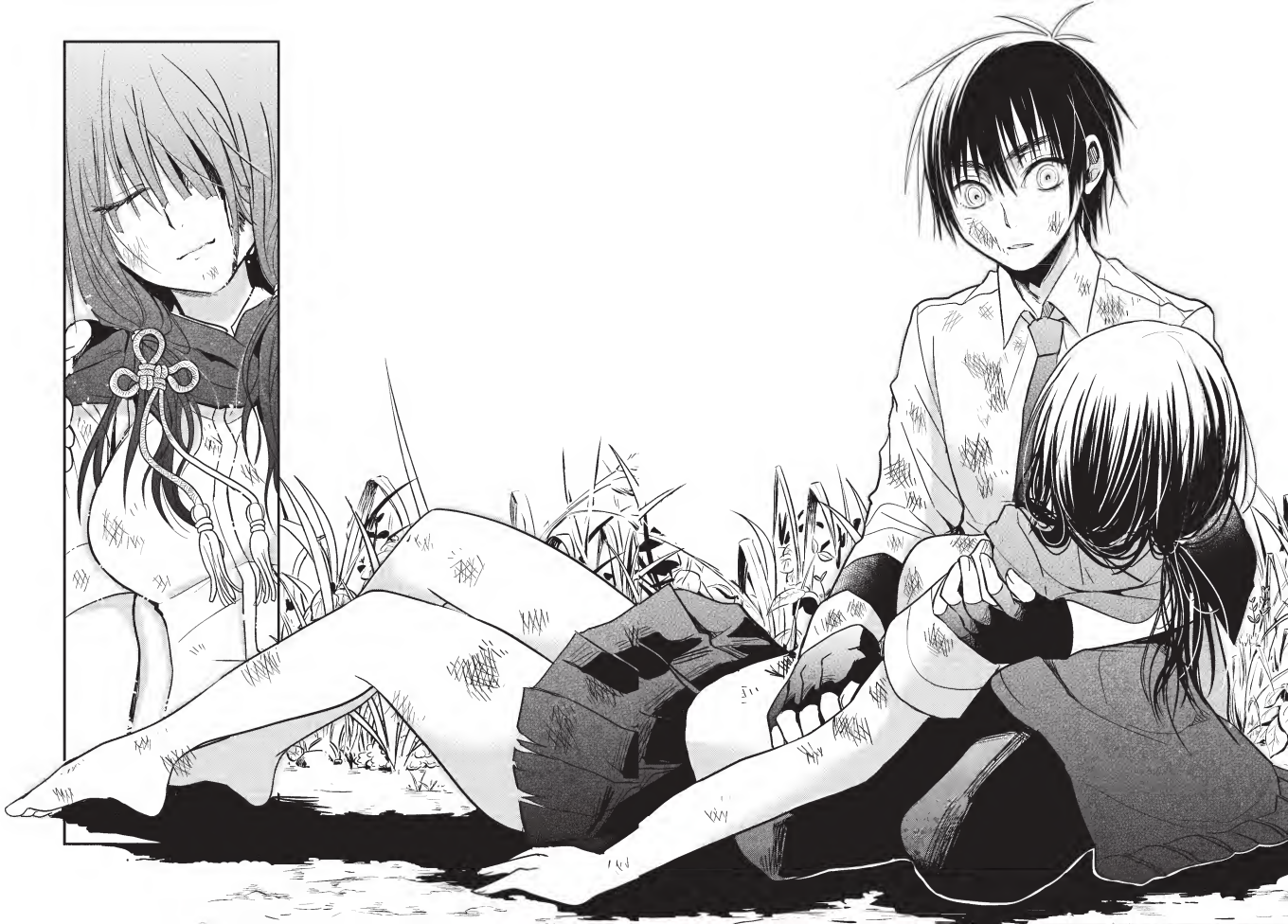
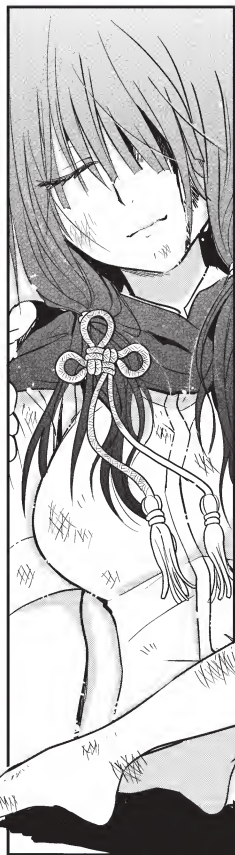




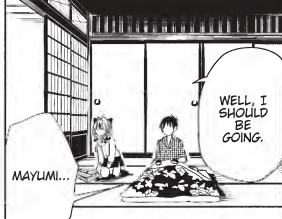
















DOST
THOU
WISH
TO SEE
HIM?



BUT...
BUT
I...

I HAVEN'T
TOLD
KYOLUICHI
HOW I
FEEL
ABOUT
HIM!



WILT
THOU
GO,
EVEN
SO?



EVEN I,
A GOD,
CANNOT
AID THEE
BEYOND
THIS.

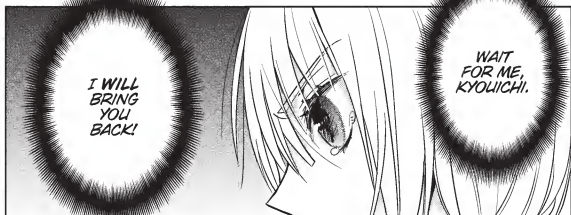
HOWEVER,
THOU
MIGHT
FAIL AND
NEVER
COME
BACK.



THOU
JUST
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
FIND HIM.

THOU
HAST
SPIRITUAL
POWER.

I WROTE
DOWN A
STRATEGY
GUIDE FOR
FINDING
THAT MAN.



K a i d a n n i k k i



Chloe and Hanaichi being the same person was a twist that had been decided upon since the series began, but I wonder if I was able to draw it so that it would be a surprise...

Actually, the fact that Kyouichi-kun is short was also a metaphor for how he won't surpass Hanaichi (*ha ha!*).

Here's a little bit of trivia... So, there are many types of spiritual practitioners: people who call down spirits, people who work magic spells, exorcists who exterminate spirits, etc., etc...

People who work magic spells--such as for possession-casting or curse-poisoning--are often depicted as being women, so I have Hanaichi use more spell-type techniques.

Conversely, exorcists and *onmyou* diviners are stereotypically men, so I have Kyouichi use more exorcist-type techniques...I can be a bit particular about some things (*heh!*).

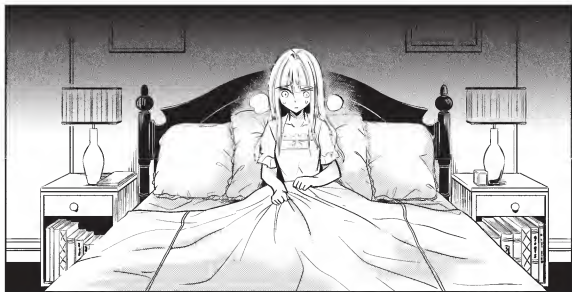
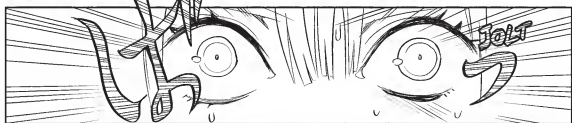
Even in Japan, there are apparently several existing family lines of possession-casters and exorcists. As a lover of the occult, I would like to talk to such people someday.

**Strong and beautiful,
Kyouichi's
older sister,
Sukami
Hanaichi**

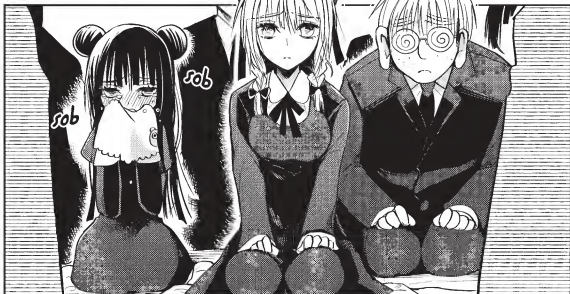
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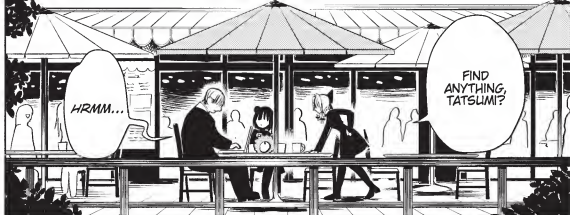
カイダンにつき









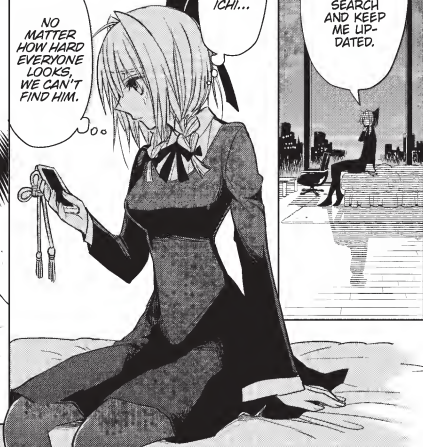


HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
SPIRITED
AWAY,
JUST LIKE
HANAICHI.

NO
MATTER
HOW HARD
EVERYONE
LOOKS,
WE CAN'T
FIND HIM.

KYOLU-
ICHI...

I SEE.
CONTINUE
YOUR
SEARCH
AND KEEP
ME UP-
DATED.



THERE'S
NO
DETAILED
EXPLA-
NATION
THOUGH.
DID HE
WRITE IT
IN A
HURRY?

ACCORDING
TO THIS,
KYOLUICHI
IS IN A
PARALLEL
WORLD.

Riddle

OK WHEN YOU TIER FORAT
GO TO THE PARALLEL WORLD

Wanted Man

THOU
JUST
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
FIND HIM.

THOU
HAST
SPIRITUAL
POWER.

I WROTE
DOWN A
STRATEGY
GUIDE FOR
FINDING
THAT MAN.





O GOD,
GIVE ME
THE
COURAGE
TO LOOK
FOR
HIM...!



PLUS,
WHAT IF
I GET
ATTACKED
BY SOME-
THING
WHEN I GO
THERE?

I CAN'T
EXTER-
MINATE
MONSTERS
LIKE
HANAICHI
AND
CHLOE!

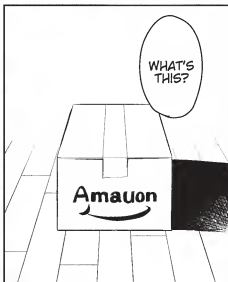


EVEN IF
I HAVE
SPIRITUAL
POWER
AND KNOW
WHERE
TO GO...

WHAT IF
THAT'S
NOT
ENOUGH
TO
RESCUE
KYOLICHI?



EEK!

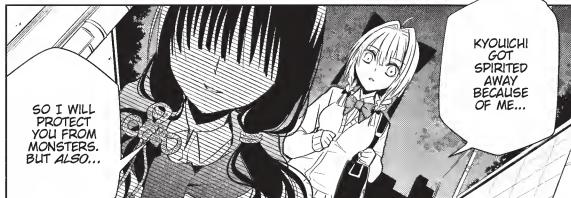
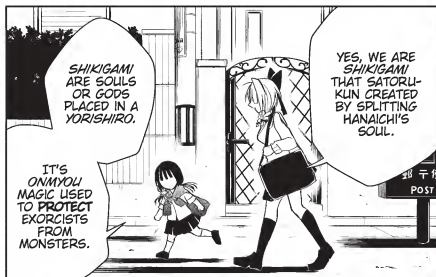


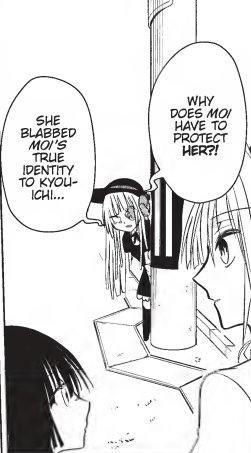
WHAT'S
THIS?



Thud









WITHIN
THOSE
THREE
DAYS...



WE
MUST
FIND
KYOUICHI.



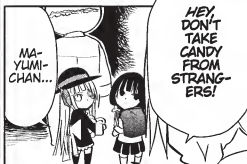
NOW THAT
KYOUICHI
HAS
VANISHED,
YOUR
SPIRITUAL
POWER IS
WEAKENING.

YOUR
STRONG
SPIRITUAL
POWER
APPEARED
BECAUSE
YOU
WERE BY
KYOUICHI'S
SIDE.

YOU
CAN ONLY
SUPPORT
US FOR
THREE DAYS
AT BEST.



WAIT A MINUTE.





THERE'S A
MONSTER
THAT'S VERY
KNOWLEDGE-
ABLE ABOUT
OTHER
MONSTERS.

APPAR-
ENTLY,
INSIDE
THIS
BUILD-
ING...



THEY'VE
SHOWN
THEMSELVES
TO BE VERY
CLEVER.
THEY'RE ALREADY
FAMOUS IN THE
SUPERNATURAL
WORLD.

AND
THOUGH
THIS
MONSTER
ONLY JUST
RECENTLY
APPEARED...



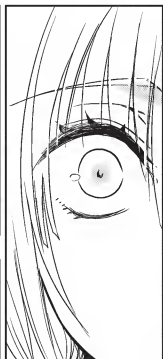
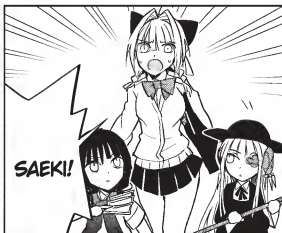
DON'T
SAY A
SINGLE
WORD!

JUST IN
CASE, I'VE
PLACED A
SPELL ON
YOU SO THEY
DON'T KNOW
YOU'RE
HUMAN.



MIGHT
KNOW A
WAY TO
GO TO
THE
PARALLEL
WORLD.

IT
COULD
BE THAT
THEY...







I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
DIED...

SAEKI...



I'M SO
HAPPY!
DID YOU
COME TO
VISIT
ME?

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT! AFTER
BECOMING A
MONSTER MY
MEMORY'S
GOTTEN
A BIT
FUZZY.



IF YOU
WISH,
I'LL
GLADLY
TAKE
ON YOUR
CASE.

RIGHT
NOW I'M
WORKING
AS A
"SPIRIT
DETECTIVE."



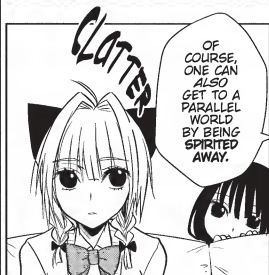
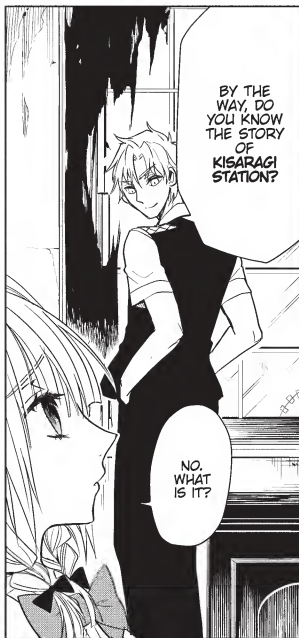
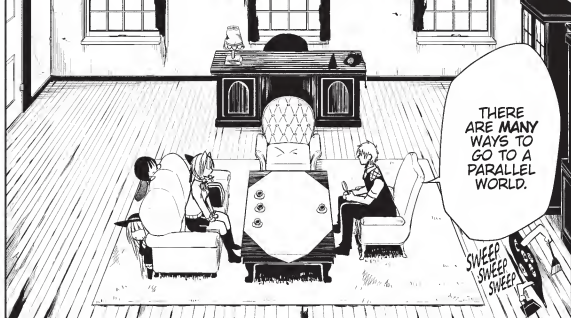
BY
THE
WAY...

glance

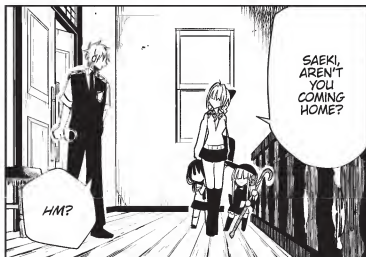
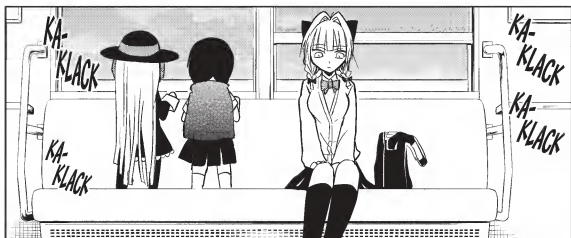
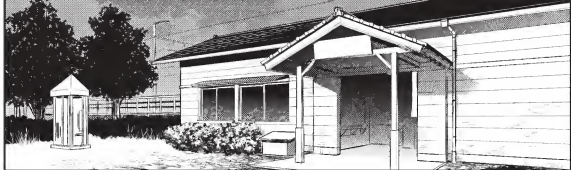


I SEE,
SO SUKAMI-
KUN'S IN A
PARALLEL
WORLD.

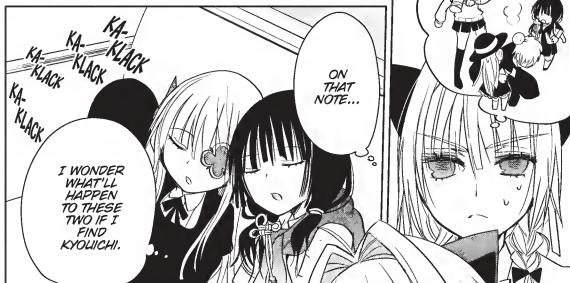






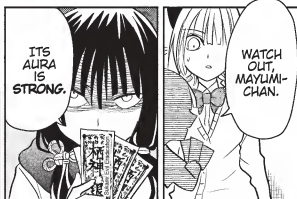
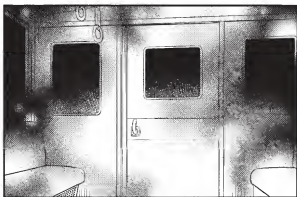








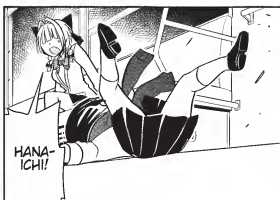




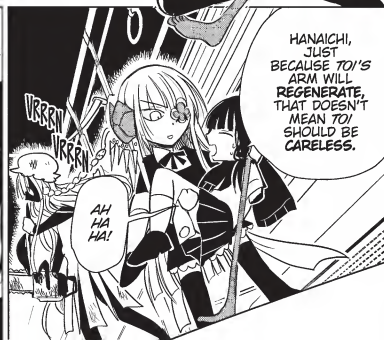
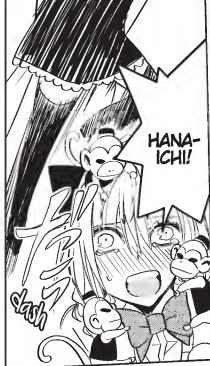


GOUGING
OUT
NEXT.

NEXT
STOP,
GOUGING
OUT.









MAYUMI-CHAN TOLD KYOICHI YOUR TRUE IDENTITY...

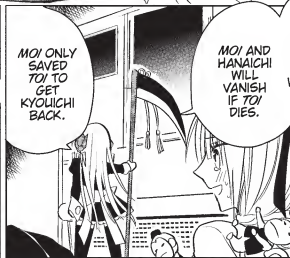
CHLOE ...

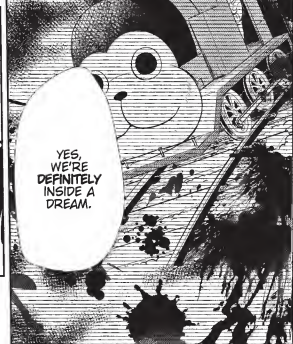
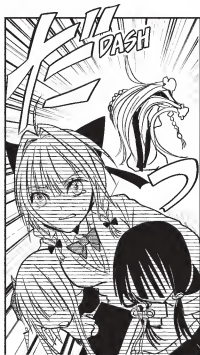
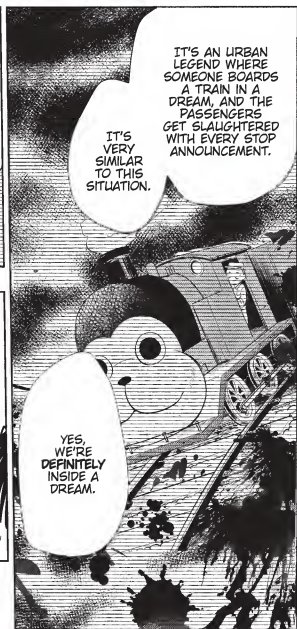
WHY HELP HER? TOI OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD HATE--

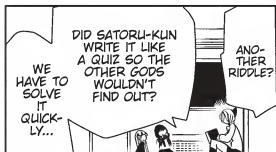


SHE'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK SHE IS, CHLOE.









The Monkey Dream
Strategy Guide

Q: How do you awaken a
sleeping princess?



IT JUST REMINDS ME OF ALL THE TIMES KYOICHI AND I USED TO TELL EACH OTHER RIDDLES...

Ah, the memories...

QUIT GETTING SENTIMENTAL AND THINK!



IT'S FOR KYOICHI'S SAKE. PLEASE, JUST DO IT!

WHY MUST MOI DO SUCH A THING?

BUT WE'LL NEED YOUR POWER TO ESCAPE FROM HERE.

CHLOE, I'VE SOLVED THE RIDDLE.

pest pest

HUH?



I JUST WANT TO SEE KYOICHI AGAIN!

I DON'T WANT TO BECOME HAMBURGER!

AHHH!

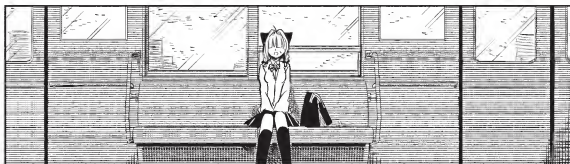


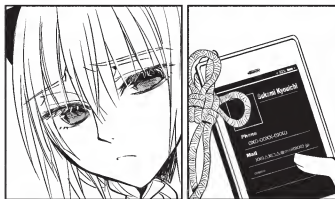
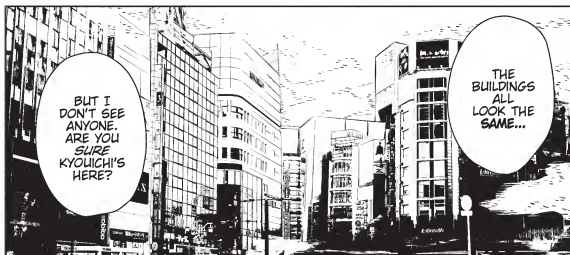


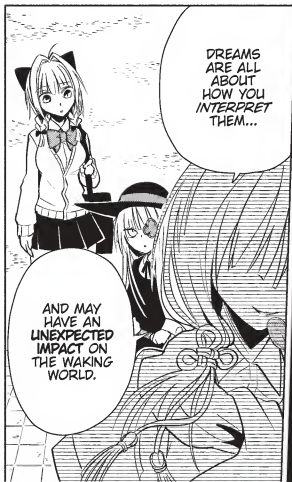
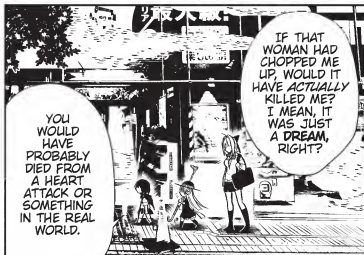
SINCE
TIME
IMMEMORIAL,
THIS IS
THE ONE
WAY...

TO/
REALLY
IS A
FOOL.

TO
WAKE A
SLEEPING
PRINCESS.









MY
DREAM...



I HOPE
YOUR
DREAM
COMES
TRUE,
TOO.



WILL IT
EVER
COME
TRUE?

WHERE
I FIND
KYOUICHI
AND GO
ON A DATE
WITH HIM...

10th Page • { The Wiggler }

You can use the title pages as a board game! Drawing it was tough (*ha ha!*)

"The Wiggler" is a ghost story that originated online. The story is that people who see it go insane and become a "wiggler" themselves. For a while after hearing that story, I had a phobia of the countryside (*ha!*). Even if that's not a true tale, the mountains and the countryside have many interesting and scary ghost stories.

I think it's a neat trick using a mirror to defeat the wiggler; it really is "fighting fire with fire"! For the Sukami estate, I was inspired by Mount Kurama in Kyoto where it's said that supernatural creatures called *tengu* appear. It's a beautiful place to reconnect with nature.

It's great to look for ghost stories online, but it's also nice to go to visit places connected with the supernatural.

11th Page • { The Spirit Detective }

This is Chloe and Yuushirou's chapter.

The first case that Yuushirou solved using occult wisdom was one that involved the woman he loved, which I think was nice and emotional. It's sexy, painful, and lonely, and I personally had fun drawing it.

By the way, the Crevice was modeled on the urban legend "Crevice People." Apparently they appear to lonely people and bring them into their circle in order to fill the crevices in their hearts. If you get lonely, maybe try peeking into a crevice?

12th Page • { Sukami Hanaichi }

This is the chapter where Kyouichi reunites with Hanaichi.

After anguishing a long time over the question "How should one exterminate a reaper?" I settled on the idea that a *yorishiro* had been put into Hanaichi's body to hold the reaper spirit.

13th Page • { The Monkey Dream }

This is the start of the "Mayumi Arc."

Thinking back on it now, I wondered if it might have been too much-- but I also wanted to include urban legends about parallel worlds and dreams, so I went ahead and drew it. This is also a ghost story with online horror origins.

There are quite a few other ghost stories that involve dreams, and I think "This Man" and "Don't Look in a Mirror During a Lucid Dream" are pretty interesting. "The Monkey Dream" may be a ghost story close to the latter.

Final Page • { The Phantom Ramen Seller }

When I said, "At the end of *Ghost Diary*, they'll eat ramen," someone said to me, "What is this, *Black Jack*!?"

I thought it would be interesting if a fake Kyouichi appeared as the Phantom Ramen Seller. It was an idea I'd thought of using from the start, and I was finally able to use it in this chapter.

And now, with this chapter, I get the feeling the theme I wanted to draw in *Ghost Diary* has finally come into view.

The series ended in a way that was slightly different from what I'd thought of at the very start, but I think I managed to end it well, with everyone smiling.

—Continued in the Afterword.



Ghost Diary

カイダンにつき



[Final Page • The Phantom Ramen Seller]



BUT NOW
THAT WE'RE
HERE, HOW
ARE WE
GOING
TO FIND
KYOUICHI?

SIGH...
IT'S GREAT
THAT WE'VE
FINALLY
MADE IT
TO THE
PARALLEL
WORLD...



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



A
KYOUICHI-
SEEKING
MONSTER,
MAYUMI-
CHAN!

HEH HEH.
AT THIS
RATE, YOU
MIGHT
BECOME...



BY
WHICH
I
MEAN...

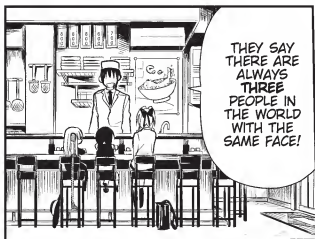
IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO MERIT
YOUR
OWN ENTRY
IN THIS
MONSTER
STRATEGY
GUIDE GHOST
DIARY...

YOU
SHOULD
DO ALL
YOU CAN
TO LIVE
WITHOUT
REGRETS.

HUMANS
WHO DIE
WITH
LINGERING
REGRETS
OFTEN TURN
INTO
MONSTERS.

Ghost Diary
カイトニ...







HE
DOESN'T
SEEM
LIKE YOUR
TYPICAL
SPIRIT...

HE
LOOKS
JUST
LIKE
HIM!

WHO
IS
THIS
GUY?



MAYUMI-
CHAN...

HEY,
HANAICHI,
CHLOE...



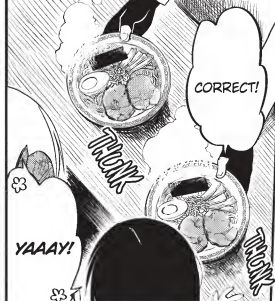
THE PHANTOM
RAMEN SELLER!
A.K.A. GHOST RAMEN!

HUH?



HOWEVER,
HE IS,
WITHOUT
A
DOUBT...

WE
WERE
ALSO
WONDERING
WHY HE
LOOKS
JUST LIKE
KYOUICHI...



CORRECT!

THUNK

YAAAY!

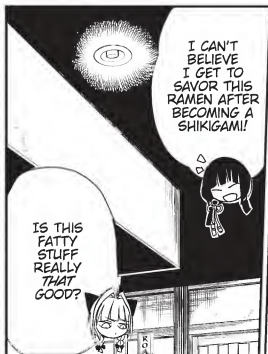
THUNK



EVEN
THOUGH
THE PLACE
IS OLD AND
RUN-DOWN,
THE RAMEN IS
ABSOLUTELY
DELICIOUS!

ON THEIR
WAY HOME
FROM
DRINKING,
SOMEONE
GOES INTO
A RAMEN
RESTAURANT.

RAMEN
UGU-KU



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I GET TO
SAVOR THIS
RAMEN AFTER
BECOMING A
SHIKIGAMI!

IS THIS
FATTY
STUFF
REALLY
THAT
GOOD?

HOWEVER,
WHEN THEY
RETURN TO
THAT RAMEN
RESTAURANT
THE NEXT DAY,
THE PLACE WHERE
IT HAD BEEN IS
NOTHING BUT AN
EMPTY LOT!
SO GOES THE
URBAN LEGEND.



I DON'T
NEED
MONEY.

OH,
RIGHT.
THE
BILL...

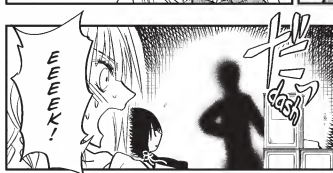
JUST
ENJOY
YOUR
MEAL!

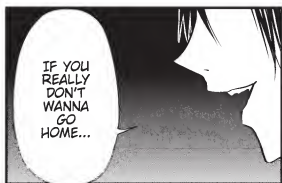


HOO-
RAY!
♪

IT'S
GOOD...

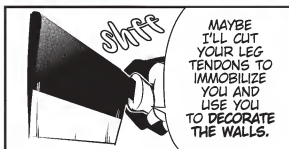








THE
SLIPS
...



MAYBE
I'LL CUT
YOUR LEG
TENDONS TO
IMMOBILIZE
YOU AND
USE YOU
TO DECORATE
THE WALLS.



NO!



PLUS,
I'VE
TAKEN
A LIKING
TO YOU.

I'VE
BEEN
LONELY
IN THIS
SHOP, BY
MYSELF
ALL THIS
TIME...



FORGOTTEN
MOI?



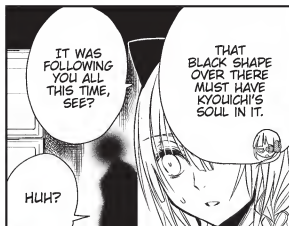
GREAT
GOD, I'LL
HAVE YOU
RETURN
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI'S
BODY.

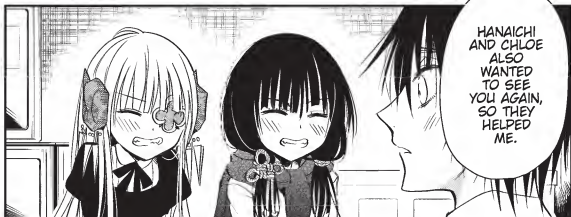


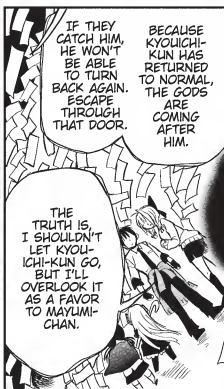
PHANTOM
RAMEN
SELLER...

NO...











MOI
WILL
STAY,
TOO!



I'LL HOLD
THEM
BACK.
THE REST
OF YOU
GET OUT
OF HERE!



I'LL
CATCH
UP
SOON.

YOU
TAKE
CHARGE
OF THE
GHOST
DIARY.



CHLOE,
PROTECT
KYOUICHI
AND
MAYUMI-
CHAN.

I'M
COUNT-
ING
ON
YOU!

THEN
WHO WILL
PROTECT
THOSE TWO
IF OTHER
GODS
ATTACK?



OH,
RIGHT--
KYOU-
ICHI...



IT'S
ENOUGH
FOR ME IF
YOU CAN
RETURN
SAFELY
TO YOUR
WORLD.

I WANT
YOU TO
THINK OF
THE GHOST
DIARY AS A
MEMENTO
OF ME AND
TREASURE
IT.



SORRY,
KYOUNICHI.
YOUR
NEESAN
HAS LIVED
TO YOU
AGAIN.



BUT
IF MY
BELOVED
LITTLE
BROTHER
CAN BE
HAPPY,
THEN THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

YOU'RE
TOO KIND,
AND SOME-
TIMES YOU
HESITATE
WHEN
EXTER-
MINATING
MONSTERS...

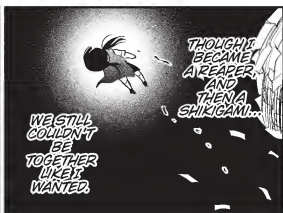


BY
MYSELF...



I'LL...

PROTECT
YOU BY
MYSELF.





YOU
WON'T
BE ABLE
TO LIVE
AS A
HUMAN
AGAIN.

ARE
YOU
SURE?

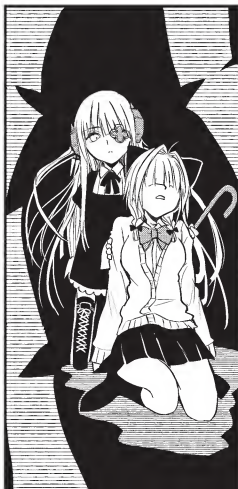
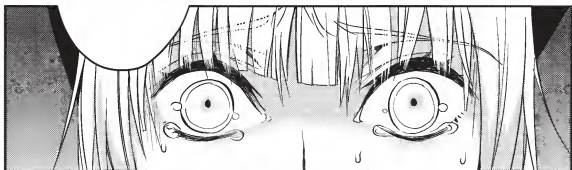


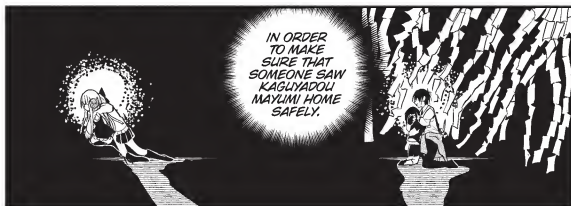
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WITH
YOU,
NEESAN.

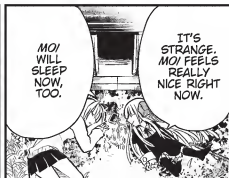
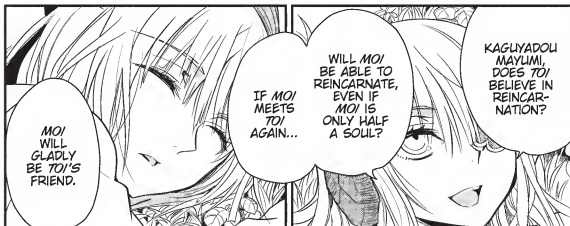
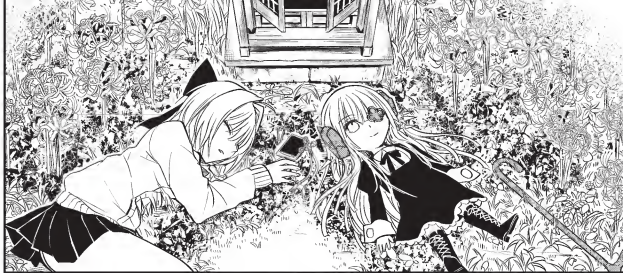
I MEAN,
YOU ENDED
UP LIKE
THIS
BECAUSE
OF ME.

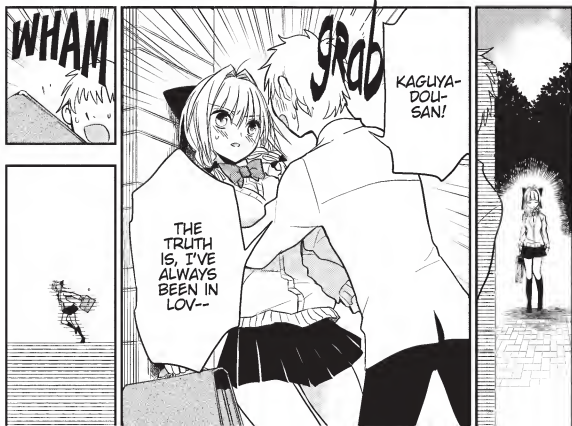
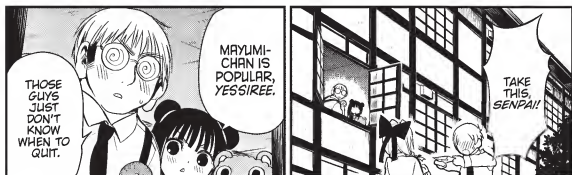
I COULDN'T
LEAVE YOU
BEHIND
AFTER
ALL,
NEESAN.





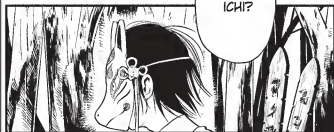














YOU'VE
TURNED
INTO A
MONSTER,
RIGHT?!

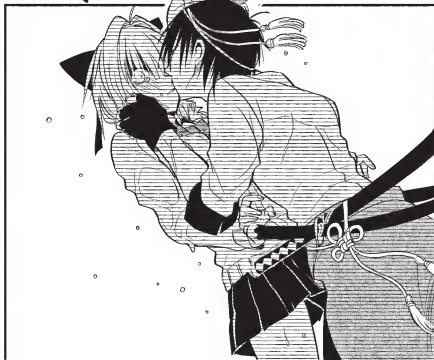
I DON'T
WANT TO
STAY IN A
WORLD
THAT
DOESN'T
HAVE
YOU!



WAS
THAT
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
BY MY
SIDE?

NO
MATTER
WHAT I
DO, NO
MONSTERS
ATTACK
ME.

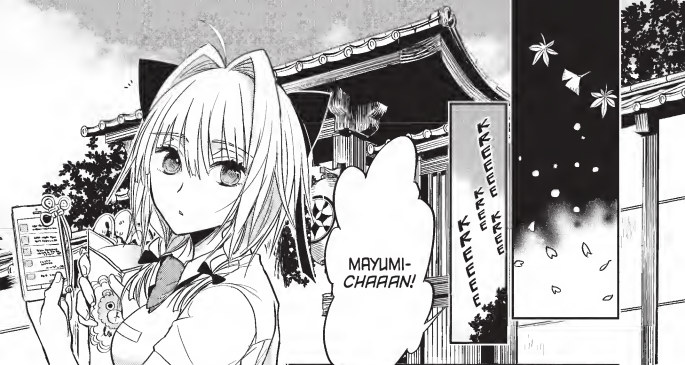
PLEASE,
TAKE ME
AWAY
WITH
YOU!

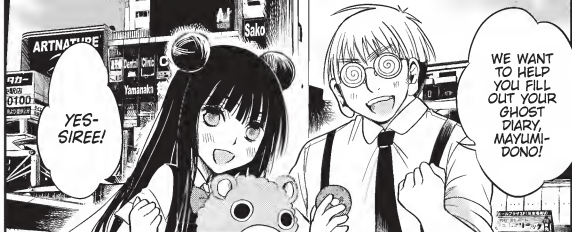


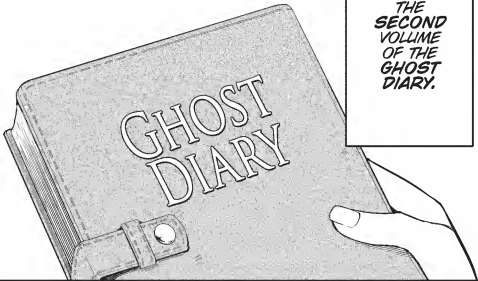


I WILL
COME
FOR YOU
SOME-
DAY...

SO DON'T
BECOME A
MONSTER.





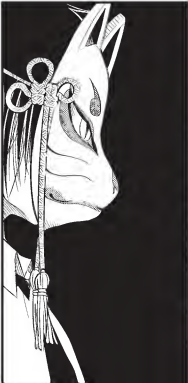


THE
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OF THE
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DIARY.



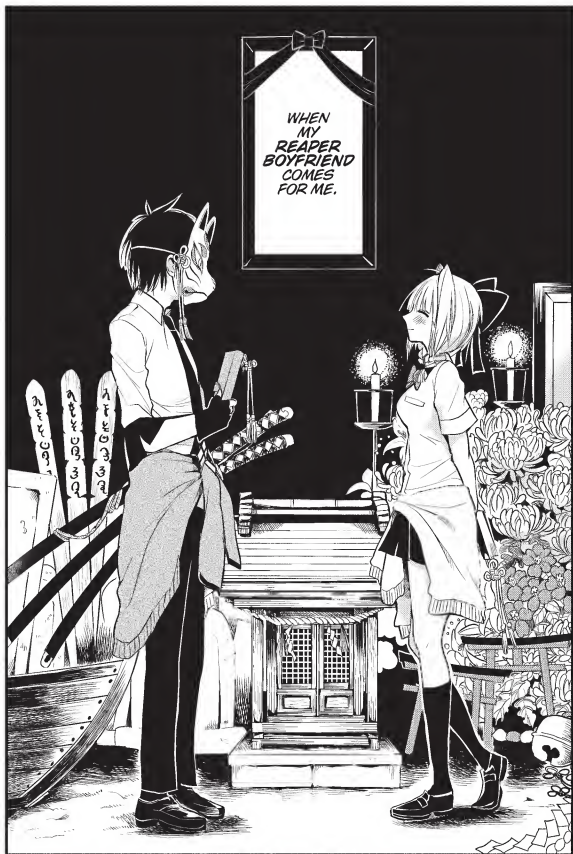
AS MY
WAY OF
LIVING
WITHOUT
REGRETS.

I'M
GOING TO
COMPLETE
THIS
GHOST
DIARY...



AND
WHEN I
FINISH,
I'LL
HAND IT
OVER...





Afterword



How did you like *Ghost Diary*?

With this chapter, the tale of *Ghost Diary* has reached its conclusion.

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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

Being able to do a series of my beloved mystery stories is something I still can't believe, even now.

The truth is, the final stage of *Ghost Diary* is when I began to really study manga and scripts, so I started to notice things that I wasn't able to do. As far as I'm concerned, there are many things that I don't have a grasp on even now... I'm a monster. *Ha ha ha!*

With this work too, I think, "If I'd studied earlier, couldn't I have drawn something a little more interesting?" Well, thanks to *Ghost Diary*, I've at least figured out what my weaknesses are and started working on fixing them.

Above all, I was very happy that there were people who told me that they like *Ghost Diary*, and look forward to more. There were even kids doing cosplay of it! Goodness me, thank you very much.

Now that I've finished drawing, I feel lonesome--but also relieved to have fully completed a series.

I'd like to make use of these experiences when making my next manga. I'll do my best to draw something more interesting. I'll be really grateful if you check out my future works.

Well then--I hope we meet again!

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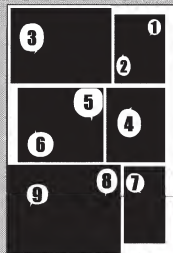
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